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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2002, please preliminarily amend the above-identified patent application as follows. A set of claims as pending is attached to this Amendment.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 24-49 without prejudice and add the following new claims 50-72.

50. (New) A UPS system for providing backup power to a load, the system comprising:

- a power input;
- a plurality of batteries;
- a plurality of battery housings, each containing one of the batteries, the batteries being coupled in parallel;
- a plurality of battery-monitor processors, each monitor being disposed in a respective one of the battery housings and coupled to the corresponding battery;
- a UPS processor coupled, and configured, to receive monitor data from the plurality of battery-monitor processors;

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